

Math 108 Midterm Exam Solutions May 4, 2020- 3:10-4:00

1. (10 pts: Logic)

If P and Q are propositions consider the proposition

$$S = (P \wedge Q) \vee (\sim P \vee \sim Q).$$

(a) Write the truth table for the proposition S .

(b) Determine whether $P \implies S$ is true.

ANS: For (a) all four entries are T so (b) is also true.

2. (8 pts: Contrapositive)

Assume that n is a natural number.

Prove by contraposition that if n is not prime then $n^2 \neq 49$.

ANS: If $n^2 = 49$ then $n = 7$ and hence n is prime.

3. (8 pts: Quantifiers)

Which two of the following four are true? Explain your answer.

In the universe of real numbers.

(a) $(\forall x)(\exists y > x)(y^2 - 2y \text{ is positive.})$

(b) $\sim [(\forall x)(\exists y > x)(y^2 - 2y \text{ is positive.})]$

(c) $(\exists x)(\forall y < x)(y^2 - 2y \text{ is negative.})$

(d) $\sim [(\exists x)(\forall y < x)(y^2 - 2y \text{ is negative.})]$

ANS: (a) is true (take y to be the larger of 3 and $x + 1$). (d) is equivalent to (a) and true while (b) and (c) are equivalent to its negation and false.

4. (8 pts: Venn)

Prove that if A , B and C are sets then

$C \subseteq A \cap B$ if and only if $C \subseteq A$ and $C \subseteq B$.

ANS: $[C \subseteq A \cap B]$

iff $[(x \in C) \implies x \in (A \cap B)]$

iff $[(x \in C) \implies (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B)]$

iff $[(x \in C) \implies (x \in A)] \wedge [(x \in C) \implies (x \in B)]$

iff $[C \subseteq A \text{ and } C \subseteq B]$.

5. (8 pts: Induction)

Prove that $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}) (\sum_{r=1}^n (2r) = n(n+1))$.

ANS: The base case with $n = 1$ is $2 = 1(2)$ which is true.

For induction assume $\text{LHS}(n) = \text{RHS}(n)$. Hence $\text{LHS}(n+1) = \text{LHS}(n) + 2(n+1) = \text{RHS}(n) + 2(n+1) = n(n+1) + 2(n+1) = (n+2)(n+1) = \text{RHS}(n+1)$.

Therefore the result holds by PMI.

6. (8 pts: Power Set)

Find sets A and B for which $\overline{\overline{\mathcal{P}A}} \cap \overline{\overline{\mathcal{P}B}} = 2$.

(Here $\mathcal{P}A$ is the power set or set of subsets of A).

ANS: $A = B = \{1\}$.